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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on August 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please replace claims 1-11, 13, 24, 25, 29-31, 34-36, and 40-52 with the following rewritten version of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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1. (Amended) A pressure vessel, comprising:
an inner shell capable of serving as a gas barrier and a pressure resistant outer shell provided to cover the inner shell, which said outer shell is made of a Fiber Reinforced Plastic (FRP) comprising reinforced fibers and a resin and of 35 GPa or more in tensile modulus and 1.5% or more in tensile breaking strain.

2. (Amended) A pressure vessel of claim 1 wherein the inner shell is made of a metal, resin or FRP.